



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Gravitt et al. Serial No.: 10/698,335  
Filing Date: 10/31/2003 Art Unit: 3611  
Examiner: Hoge

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Dear Sir:

In the above referenced application:

This response follows the "Revised Amendment Format" recently enacted by the USPTO. The following sections will each appear on a separate page. These are:

1. Introductory Comments;
2. Amendments to the specification; and
3. Amendments to the Claims; and
4. Remarks.

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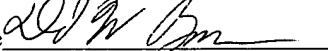
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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action of May 11, 2004. Claims 1-12 were pending as of the date of this Office Action.

The Office Action has raised certain objections and rejections to the subject application. It is believed by the amendments and representations presented herein, the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action have been addressed. Applicant asserts no new matter has been added by these amendments. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.